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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6195

BILL NUMBER: SB 61

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 12, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Varicella Immunizations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Simpson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires schools to report to the State Department of Health and the local department of health regarding the number of students who have received the varicella immunization.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Schools are currently required to file a written report with the state and local health departments stating the number of children who have demonstrated immunization or immunity against eight diseases. The bill adds varicella (chicken pox) to the list of immunities to be reported. The State Department of Health reports that the forms that schools use to comply with the reporting requirements are located on the ISDH website and easily changed to implement the additional immunization. The ISDH reports they would have no additional cost associated with adding this reporting requirement.

Background Information: Children entering kindergarten or first grade are currently required to receive a varicella (chicken pox) immunization or demonstrate immunity to varicella effective July 1, 2003. A noncode provision delaying the requirement expires on June 30, 2004.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Local schools must already collect the base data from parents and guardians for children entering school. The Department of Education reports that school nurses collect and report the immunizations to the Department of Health as part of the process of assembling a child's school health record.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Health, Department of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: Local school corporations.

Information Sources: Zach Cattell, Legislative Liaison for the State Department of Health, (317)-233-2170, www.in.gov/isdh/programs/immunization/school_report/index.htm; Dona Roberts, Student Services, Department of Education, (317)-232-9133.

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